

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
September 8, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:32 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Mr. Bushemi read the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Spann, Mrs. Miano and Mr. Widing were absent. All other members were present.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:**

A discussion took place related to the memorial honoring fallen Officer Nickolaus Schultz. Details were provided as to when the construction of the memorial will begin, what it will look like, and where it will be located. There was an opportunity to address questions/concerns that anyone may have.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated September 8, 2015. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2015. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

As a reminder, Mr. Pettit mentioned that we will need to advertise for this coming year's budget.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Mr. Spann was absent, no report.

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS:** Mrs. Miano was absent, no report.

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:** Mr. Pettit had no report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mr. Widing was absent, no report. As a reminder, Mr. Petruch mentioned that the "Take Back" Pharmaceutical disposal day is on September 26, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Merrillville Town Hall. He also said that the Police Department is accepting employment applications until September 30, 2015.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Mrs. Miano was absent, no report. Ms. Orlich announced that the Fall/Winter brochure is available. Brochures were also distributed to various Merrillville Elementary Schools. She provided an update related to the installation of swings and playground equipment for the different park locations.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

President Goralczyk had no report. Mr. Lake mentioned they are preparing for routine maintenance on Taney Ditch. He also stated that we accepted a proposal for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Court drainage improvement project. Mr. Lake will have a set of plans and cost estimates for the Ross Meadows Farms drainage project by week end.

**ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Mrs. Miano was absent, no report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Pettit had no report.

**UTILITY LIAISON:** Mrs. Barron had no report.

**ABANDONED PROPERTIES:**

Mr. Hardaway stated another party has shown interest in the Northlake Nursing Home property. This group would like to attend the next Abandoned Blighted Property meeting to discuss their proposal for the location. Mr. Hardaway invited all to attend the next meeting which will take place on September 23, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. to hear what this group has to offer.

**GENERAL ORDERS:**

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

**Ord. 15-22:** An ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana appropriating additional monies within the Motor Vehicle fund for the year 2015 not included in the current budget. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

**Ord. 15-18:** An ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana prohibiting the sale or use gun-shaped cellphone cases and establishing a penalty for violation. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to table the ordinance until Mrs. Miano is present since she authored the ordinance. The motion to table was seconded by Mr. Pettit. Discussion followed regarding the ordinance publication. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Ord. 15-19:** An ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Casino Fund for the year 2015 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Hardaway. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

**Ord. 15-20:** An ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana to amend the municipal code governing waste haulers, scavengers and scrappers. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to table the ordinance until Mrs. Miano is present since she authored the ordinance. The motion to table was seconded by Mr. Pettit. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Ord. 15-21:** An ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana to amend the municipal code governing peddlers and solicitors. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to table the ordinance until Mrs. Miano is present since she authored the ordinance. The motion to table was seconded by Mr. Pettit. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Res. 15-29:** A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2015 budget within the Parks General Fund. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Res. 15-30:** A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2015 budget within the Merrillville Road TIF Fund. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Res. 15-31:** A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, authorizing the repayment of temporary loans. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Hardaway. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Res. 15-32:** A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2015 budget within the Mississippi Street TIF Fund. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**BZA ACTIONS:**

<b>Petitioner:</b>	Development Vision Group, Inc.
<b>Owner:</b>	Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters
<b>Request:</b>	Variance of approval
<b>Purpose:</b>	Educational/Training facility and possibly retail and restaurants uses.
<b>Location:</b>	0.5 Miles north of 73rd Avenue & Mississippi Street west side of Mississippi (approx. 7000-7098 Mississippi Street)
<b>Zoning:</b>	C-5, Office and Research
<b>Case #:</b>	Z30UV8-0815

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hardaway. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

President Goralczyk stated that a rendering for Merrillville Auto Sales was submitted. A discussion followed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Pettit requested contact to be made with the Council of Carpenters informing them that all town approvals are in order for the 73<sup>rd</sup> & Mississippi Street project.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Memorial Service fallen Officer Nickolaus Schultz, September 14, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. at Town Hall  
911 Dedication Service, September 10, 2015 at 7 p.m. at American Legion  
Environmental Resource Committee meeting, September 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.  
Town Council meeting, September 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made.